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If an election were held now the democrats would be swept from power by a tidal wave of popular indignation such as the country has not seen for twenty years. Unless the party leaders can speedily wrest success from their dismal failure, and win back the public confidence, they have lost. A Republican landslide at the congressional elections in November will be inevitable.—*New York Herald.*

Judge Royal, who was until lately lieutenant-governor of the Canadian Northwest territories, and who is one of the most powerful French Canadian writers, has issued an important brochure in which he advocates the immediate separation of Canada from the British empire and the re-establishment of an independent republic. Mr. Royal says that if Canada is ever to make any progress she must be independent of the mother country, and does not think, as some claim, that Canada set up for herself the United States would seek to absorb her. Mr. Royal's pamphlet has caused a sensation in political circles.

The speech that Gen. W. W. Grout made in this district delivered in the House Representatives on pension measures was one that probed the matter to the bottom and throws more light on the situation than anything spoken or published since the present administration began to cut and suppress pensions. Gen. Grout spoke from the book, his position on committee being such that he had a knowledge of the real inside of matters of few men, inside congress ever possessed. The speech will be printed by the Republican Congressional and local committees and distributed widely. The Pension Department ought to be economically, but at the same time honestly and patriotically run; but if there is a disposition to ignore law, suspend pensions, cut in and cut out, at the pleasure of pension officials, the pensioners will make a complaint that will be loud and long.

The zeal manifested by the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance union the world over ought to result in the success of their efforts to suppress the traffic in alcohol and other forms of vice. A union which promises to surpass anything previously undertaken by the members of the union is the presence of the rulers of the nations of monster petition against the traffic mentioned, to which in the course of three years several million of signatures had been obtained. It is proposed to charter a steamship for a round the world by 100 women, including Lady Somerset and Frances Willard, who shall present this petition to the rulers of the nations, and President Cleveland will have the honor to receive the first visit from a delegation, who will present the petition to him during the convention of the union in Washington next October. The united voice of 3,000,000 women ought to produce an effect in every country in the world.

HOW SILVER IS CHEAPENED.

A writer in the *New York Times* discussing the question comes to the conclusion that with the increase of road facilities, which means lower cost of transportation, and with the extension of the application of electricity to mining, thereby lessening the cost of getting out the white metal, silver may be produced profitably at sixty cents an ounce, but at fifteen forty-five cents. The road in the *Times* writer travels in this conclusion. He notes, who have studied the question have noted, that the decline of has kept even pace with the increase of the output, and says—The state of California swarmed with an adventurous population engaged in gold mining. In 1859, certain of these miners, prospecting over Nevada line, discovered "a vein

of dark ore," the nature of which they not knowing, sent specimens to San Francisco for assay. This was the discovery of the famous Comstock lode. Thereupon some milling machinery was dragged over the mountains, and the silver output of the 1869 figures in the United States Mint report at a round \$2,000,000—necessarily a loose estimate.

We skip ten years, to 1870. In this year the estimated value of the silver output has raised to \$16,000,000, the price of silver ruling throughout at about \$1.32 per ounce. All this silver was got from the mines discovered on and about the Comstock lode.

From 1870 on, we find the silver production of the country going forward with rapid strides. The Comstock reached its maximum of production between 1875 and 1878. As this lode gave out, Utah came forward as a producer; then came Colorado, then Montana; and these two are now the largest producers.

While the value of the output in 1870 was \$16,000,000, silver ruling then about \$1.30 per ounce, in 1873 the output had jumped to nearly 28,000,000 ounces, valued at about \$36,000,000, the average price per ounce for the year being a fraction over \$1.29. In 1878 the output was 35,000,000, and the average price was \$1.15. In 1880 the output had receded to 30,000,000 ounces, average price \$1.14. In 1882 it had risen again to 36,000,000 ounces, average price \$1.06. In 1886 it was 50,000,000 ounces, average price 93 cents.

Early in 1890 the great speculation was started in silver by the Sherman act. The production of the year rose to 54,000,000 ounces, and the speculation referred to raised the average price to \$1.04. In the following year production was still further raised to 58,000,000 ounces, but the average price fell back to 98 cents. In 1892 production was about the same, and the price declined to about 87 cents. It is expected that the mint report will show that there is some decline in production during 1893. The average price for the year is calculated (Valentine's Report) at 74 cents. The present quotation for silver is about 60 cents.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

The question of candidates for the position of governor for the next term having been most satisfactorily settled by the general wish and common consent of the whole Republican party of the state, attention is turning to the next place on the ticket. Fortunately that the popularity of Col. Woodbury is such that he will command every Republican vote and will draw away hundreds of patriotic democrats, who feel that their old party is going adrift and that it is a time when honest men have a right to drop parties and vote for principles and men who will try to take care of the interests of Vermont and the North. The lieutenant governor will come from the east side of the state. So far no one seems to be crowding himself into the field. Mention has been made of Mr. Perkins of Windsor, Mr. Arms of Springfield, Mr. Bates of St. Johnsbury, Mr. Lincoln of Lyndon and Col. Mansur of Island Pond. Mr. Perkins is an editor, a man of good business experience, familiar with things of the legislature and the state; Mr. Arms is a man well spoken of by all and has been in the legislature; Mr. Bates is a bright lawyer, an old soldier, and has been in the State senate two terms; Mr. Lincoln is a first-class business man, and has the will and the ability to do promptly, honorably and well whatever is assigned for him to do. He is in no sense a politician, and will never hold an office which he has begged, or which reached him through any mysterious political operations. Given the office he will honor the place and do credit to that class of men who have most to do with the welfare of the state, and least to do, as a rule, with political offices. Last in the number mentioned we speak of Col. Mansur of Island Pond. Mr. Mansur belongs to that class of men who are naturally popular. He was one of those patriotic Vermont boys who went into the army when a mere lad, losing an arm and returning to select some profession by which he might gain a livelihood. He became a lawyer and has been successful in his profession, though engaged somewhat in business. He has been honored by his town and his county by the gift of almost every office which could be bestowed upon him. He is a member of the present State senate and would grace the position of the chair of that body. He is a man of whose character nothing but good can be said and he has no record that need be suppressed. We doubt not the people

of this section of the State would be very much pleased, as they would be honored, by his selection to a place on the ticket beside that other one armed man, Col. Woodbury.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

A railroad accident occurred at Capleton, P. Q., on the B. & M. R. R. on Monday night last by which two men lost their lives and others were injured. A collision occurred between two regular mail trains, the north bound day mail, Henry Mower engineer, and the south bound night mail which arrives at Newport about 10:30 p. m. Capleton is the regular meeting place of the trains and it is supposed that both engineers and conductors understood just what their duties were in making the approach and taking the siding. The north bound train was reported somewhat late and it is supposed that engineer James McDuffey, who was running the mailsouth, supposed he had plenty of time to run to the south end of the siding and to shove in and out of the way before the other train reached him. It had been customary to run in the north end switch. When engineer Mower approached, running around a curve he saw the head light of the other train but not in season to stop or greatly slacken the speed of his train, and in a few seconds struck the other engine with great force. McDuffey's fireman, Will Keating of Barton, jumped and escaped without much injury. McDuffey stuck to his post and was crushed to death. Freight conductor Cowan had boarded the engine and was riding beside McDuffey and was also killed. Mower escaped serious injury, but conductor James Buell on his train was so stunned by being thrown down as not to regain his mind for several hours. The accident seems to have been caused by the carelessness of the dead engineer. The loss to the railroad company will be considerable on repairs. McDuffey leaves a wife and two children who reside in Lyndonville. His life was insured for \$2,000. Cowan was a single man who had a mother in West Derby who depended on him for support.

THE MONGREL TARIFF BILL.

The tariff bill has at last been given to the public, and a curious jumble it proves to be. The original intention was to draw a practically free-trade bill, but it has been through so many vicissitudes that it is more of a mongrel than a lost yaller dog. It is neither fish, flesh nor fowl, nor good red herring. It provides for deficiency instead of revenue; it gives just enough protection to aggravate, and not enough to protect; it furnishes a free list that will hurt many American industries and benefit none; it embodies that most odious of all class legislation and most impracticable of all forms of taxation, the income tax. It was as bad as it well could be in its original form; it has hardly been benefited by the tinkering to which it has been subjected by amateur tariff makers.

The McKinley law is the outcome of a broad scheme of protection, carried to its logical conclusion, and affording an equal and equitable protection to all American industries. It was made by legislators who had given the subject the study of a lifetime, and who patiently heard the ideas and experiences of practical men from all parts of the country before reaching a conclusion.

The Wilson bill was begun as a hodge-podge, continued as a makeshift, and finished as a compromise. It is neither comprehensive nor comprehensible. It carries out no theory, follows no logic, satisfies no interest, and fulfills no obligation. It has had the benefit of neither inquiry nor experience. It satisfies neither its friends—God save the mark—nor its enemies. It is condemned by Republicans and repudiated by Democrats. Even the lonely Cuckoo eyes it askance. It must be beaten in the senate.—*Statesman.*

SUGAR WEIGHERS.

The following sugar weighers have been appointed by Dept. Collector, A. J. Sibley of Vt.: A. P. Bean, Glover; R. R. Beede, Albany; W. C. Bailey, E. Hardwick; Baxter Brunnell, Wolcott; J. C. Cattanauch, No. Troy; C. L. French, Hardwick; A. S. Chase, Derby Line; R. B. Smith, Greensboro Bend; P. Guild, Barton Landing; W. J. Kendall, Newport; A. J. Lyon, W. Concord; E. M. McGaffey, Barnet; W. E. Tripp, E. Charleston; J. E. Willard, Sutton.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Estate of Marinda Leach.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Orleans, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Marinda Leach late of Irasburgh in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at A. B. Carpenter's dwelling house, Irasburgh on the 9th day April and 16th day of August next, from one o'clock, p. m. until four o'clock, p. m., each of said days, and that six months from the 16th day of February A. D. 1894 is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance. Dated at Irasburgh, this 5th day of March A. D. 1894. GEO. B. BREWSTER, Commissioners. J. L. LOCKE.

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